



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 06-5

January 30, 2006

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company for approval of its: (1) annual retail rate filing and (2) distribution rate adjustment in compliance with Massachusetts Electric Company/Eastern Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-47 (2000).

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On January 27, 2006, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (collectively, "MECo" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a rate reconciliation and adjustment filing with proposed transition charges pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e). MECo proposes to implement effective March 1, 2006: (1) an average transition charge of 0.546 cents per kilowatthour ("KWH"); (2) an average transmission service charge of 0.871 cents per KWH; (3) a default service adjustment factor credit of 0.045 cents per KWH; and (4) a residential assistance adjustment charge of 0.010 cent per KWH. In addition, in compliance with Massachusetts Electric Company/Eastern Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-47 (2000), the Company proposes to increase its distribution rates on average to 2.645 cents per KWH. If approved by the Department, residential customers using 500 KWH of electricity per month will see no bill changes. Bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. The Department docketed the Company's petition as D.T.E. 06-5.

The Department will hold a public hearing on February 14, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., to receive comments on the Company's filing, at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on February 14, 2006.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on February 13, 2006. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and three (3) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy - One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorney, Amy G. Rabinowitz., Massachusetts Electric Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts, 01582-0099.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [John.Geary@state.ma.us](mailto:John.Geary@state.ma.us), or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 06-5), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>. Comments or petitions to intervene must also be filed with the Company's counsel, Amy G. Rabinowitz, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts, 01582-0099.

A copy of MECo's filing is available for inspection at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact attorney Amy G. Rabinowitz, Massachusetts Electric Company at (508) 389-2975. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy at (617) 305-3500.



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Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (together, "MECo" or "Company") shall, no later than February 3, 2006, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald, serve a copy of the notice on the service lists for Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-25 (1996), Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-94 (1998), Massachusetts Electric Company/Eastern Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-47 (2000), Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 05-2 (2005), and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. MECo is required to make return of service at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary